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Applicant

SOMANTA LIMITED et al

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant SOMANTA LIMITED			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
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4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis.2).

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See paragraph 2 below

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- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

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2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
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4. Additional comments:

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-36
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-36
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-36
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO 91/05824 A (NAT RES DEV) 2 May 1991 (1991-05-02)

D2: COLLIER D A ET AL: "SYNTHESIS, MOLECULAR MODELING, DNA BINDING, AND ANTITUMOR PROPERTIES OF SOME SUBSTITUTED AMIDOANTHRAQUINONES" JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY. WASHINGTON, US, vol. 31, no. 4, 1988, pages 847-857, XP002063827 ISSN: 0022-2623

D3: AGBANDJE M ET AL: "ANTHRACENE-9,10-DIONES AS POTENTIAL ANTICANCER AGENTS. SYNTHESIS, DNA-DINDING, AND BIOLOGICAL STUDIES ON A SERIES OF 2,6DISUBSTITUTED DERIVATIVES" JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY. WASHINGTON, US, vol. 35, no. 8, 1992, pages 1418-1429, XP002063825 ISSN: 0022-2623

Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claims 1-36 does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.

Document D1 is considered the closest prior art document. The said document discloses anthraquinone compounds in which the amino alkyl amino substituent is among others cyclic nitrogen containing groups (see claim 1 of D1 in which R' and R" together are a C2-6 alkylene group which with the nitrogen atom to which R' and R" are attached forms a heterocyclic group having 3 to 7 atoms).

The difference of this disclosure and the present application is that in the present application, this heterocyclic structure is substituted by at least one X2 or X2 substituted

C1-4 alkyl group, in which X2 is halogen, hydroxyl, C1-6alkoxyl, aryloxy or acyloxy group. The problem to be solved by the applicant was to provide alternative anthraquinone compounds for use in the treatment of cancer.

Documents D2 and D3 disclose amidoanthraquinone compounds, which bear cyclic groups (compounds 4,5,7,8,9 in D2 and compounds 13-16 in D3 bear piperidine groups), of which a few are substituted by CH₂OH and CH₂CH₂-OH groups. The compounds with these substituents show the lowest IC₅₀ values, showing that these compounds have the highest activities with respect to tumour cell lines. The difference of these compounds with the compounds of the present application is that the compounds of D2 and D3 are anthraquinone compounds, substituted with substituted amido groups, whereas in the present application, the anthraquinone compounds are substituted with at least one substituted amine group.

A skilled person confronted with the problem of providing alternative anthraquinone compounds for use in the treatment of cancer would, starting from D1, use the teaching of D2 and D3 to come to the solution of the present application. He would substitute the heterocyclic group in D1 with a (CH₂)₁₋₂OH group, as he would expect this to have a positive effect on the antitumour activity of the compounds.

It is therefore considered that the subject-matter of claims 1-29 is not inventive with respect to Article 33(3) PCT.

Claims 30-36 concern intermediate compounds and their processes to prepare such compounds. These intermediate compounds are used to prepare the compounds of formula I of claim 1 of the present application. As these compounds are not inventive, the intermediate products cannot be regarded as inventive either. The subject-matter of claims 30-36 is therefore considered not to involve an inventive step according to Article 33(3) PCT.

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